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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

This is in response to an Office action herein mailed March 7, 2003 (Paper No. 15), time for response to which was set to expire June 7, 2003. As this amendment is filed on July 10, 2003, a petition for an extension of time of two months is included herewith. Accordingly, the present response is considered timely filed.

Applicants greatly appreciate the thoughtful consideration shown their undersigned representative and patent counsel for assignee in an interview on June 24, 2003. The willingness of the Examiner to explain her position and to consider the positions voiced by representatives of the assignee is much appreciated. The time period between the interview and the present response is reflective of the desire of applicants to adduce additional declaratory evidence in response to the outstanding rejection.